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In re patent application of:

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L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the Office Action in the above-captioned application dated January 23, 2009 be extended through the date of filing of this Petition, fee payment, and accompanying Amendment and Response.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17) is believed to be \$130.00 for a one-month extension. The PTO has been electronically authorized to charge this fee to Applicant's credit card. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than that provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/80921.

Respectfully submitted,

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